

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No.: MBHB03-332-B (400.126))**

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| <b>In re the Application of:</b>                    | ) |                                  |
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| <b>McSwiggen <i>et al.</i></b>                      | ) |                                  |
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| <b>Serial No.: 10/652,791</b>                       | ) | <b>Group Art Unit: 1635</b>      |
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| <b>Filed: August 29, 2003</b>                       | ) | <b>Examiner: Chong, Kimberly</b> |
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| <b>For: RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition Of</b> | ) | <b>Confirmation No. 3409</b>     |
| <b>Platelet-Derived Endothelial Cell Growth</b>     | ) |                                  |
| <b>Factor (ECGF1) Gene Expression Using</b>         | ) |                                  |
| <b>Short Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA)</b>        | ) |                                  |

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following response to the final Office Action mailed on March 2, 2007. A Petition for a three (3)-month extension of time and fee are included herewith. Accordingly, a response is timely filed on or before September 4, 2007. In addition, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee. No additional fees are thought to be presently due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.